

**TOWNSHIP OF MANSFIELD
WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

**A PROCLAMATION SUPPORTING POLLINATOR WEEK
JUNE 19 THROUGH JUNE 25, 2023**

NO. 2023-198

ADOPTED: JUNE 14, 2023

WHEREAS, pollinator species, such as bees and butterflies, are essential partners of farmers in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, the success of many of New Jersey's most popular and economically important crops, such as blueberries, apples, cranberries, cucumbers, squash, and pumpkins, are dependent upon pollinators; and

WHEREAS, pollinator species provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, biodiverse ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our State and national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities, as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, the domesticated honeybee, *Apis mellifera*, is New Jersey's State Insect and a key pollinator in our State; and

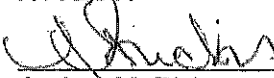
WHEREAS, the New Jersey Department of Agriculture, the New Jersey Beekeepers Association (NJBA) and Rutgers University have worked cooperatively to increase the number of beekeepers through Bee-keepers Beekeeping Courses; and

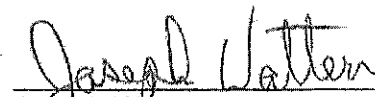
WHEREAS, more than 3,500 beekeepers have been trained since 2006 and the NJBA's membership has increased to more than 1,600; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey strongly supports the cultivation of pollinators to ensure a robust agricultural industry and a sustainable food supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Committee of the Township of Mansfield, County of Warren, State of New Jersey, recognizes and supports June 19 through June 25, 2023 as Pollinator Week.

ATTEST:


Jo-Ann M. Ricks
Acting Municipal Clerk


Joseph Watters
Mayor

Roll Call Vote

COMMITTEE MEMBER	YES	NO	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
Mr. Farino	✓			
Mr. Hayes	✓			
Mr. McGuinness	✓			
Mrs. Mora Dillon	✓			
Mayor Watters	✓			